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THE CUBAN PROBLEM

The attached papers are circulated as background material for the meeting of the Standing Group now scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, at 5:00 p.m. This meeting will not aim at reaching agreed conclusions, but rather at an initial and wide-ranging discussion of the prospects and alternatives for American policy in Cuba.

The papers attached are intended mainly for reference, and much of their contents will be familiar. Except for Tab 1, which is a White House summary of the problem and of alternative approaches to it, these papers are forwarded from the Office of the Coordinator for Cuban Affairs. Through no fault of the Coordinator, these papers are not fully up-to-date on certain special aspects of contingency planning, and they omit certain covert plans and operations on which there will be oral briefing Tuesday. The papers are as follows:

- Tab 1 White House summary
- Tab 2 (Annex 3), Current Situation
- Tab 3 (Annex 4), Multilateral Efforts to Isolate Cuba and Combat Castro-Communist Subversion
- Tab 4 (Annex 5), Cuban Hemisphere Subversion
- Tab 5 (Annex 6), Economic Restrictions
- Tab 6 (Annex 7), Exile Problems
- Tab 7 Military Contingency Planning
- Tab 8 The Cuban Situation in Eighteen Months or Two Years  
(prepared by State Department Bureau of Intelligence and Research)

By separate distribution I am also circulating an unclassified compilation of the President's statements on Cuba.

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